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## Multiple pairing gap structures in rare earth nuclei<sup>1</sup> W.D. KULP,

Georgia Tech — Detailed experimental studies using multiple spectroscopic techniques reveal two extensive families of rotational bands in  $^{152}$ Sm that are remarkably similar. This result suggests that there are two coexisting shapes which strongly mix. Experimental results and a prescription of two-state mixing calculations are presented which describe the level energies of the ground-state and first excited  $(0^+$  state) rotational bands, electric monopole transition rates, electric quadrupole matrix elements, and the isomer shift of the first excited  $2^+$  state.

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